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3 The U.S. Department of Justice filed a motion seeking to compel Apple to comply with a judge's order to unlock the encrypted iPhone belonging to one of the San Bernardino shooters, portraying the tech giant's refusal as a "marketing strategy." In response, a senior Apple executive, speaking on condition of anonymity, characterized the Justice Department's filing as an effort to argue its case in the media before the company has a chance to respond. REUTERS

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4 Two 7-year-old boys were in critical condition after a car crash early Sunday at Broad Street and Roosevelt Boulevard. The car was traveling north on the Boulevard when the driver lost control and the vehicle was overturned around 1:47 a.m., police said. One boy was trapped inside the vehicle while the other was ejected from the car. Both were brought to Temple in critical condition. The driver, a male, was also ejected from the vehicle and in critical condition. Four other passengers sustained minor injuries in the crash. SAM NEWHOUSE

DOG IN SUITCASE

5 Humane enforcement officers and law enforcement in Delaware County are still searching for the suspect who locked a dog in a suitcase to die. The grim discovery Friday in a vacant house in Chester near West 2nd and Pusey streets of a medium-size brown or tan dog's body in a tiny suitcase was made even more horrifying by scratch and bite marks inside the suitcase. The Delaware County SPCA is asking anyone with information about the case to contact 610-566-1370. SAM NEWHOUSE

OBAMAPHONE STOLEN

6 A man was beaten by a group of robbers who took his Obamaphone, police said. The robbery occurred on Feb. 19 at 8:30 p.m. on the 4800 block of Wayne Avenue. The victim was walking when three black males approached him, began to kick and punch him and struck him with a wooden bat. Afterward, they emptied his pockets of his wallet, ID and black "Obama" cellular phone, according to the police report — likely a free phone provided through the federal lifeline assistance program. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Helen Gym announced her candidacy for a City Council at-large seat at the Ethical Society of Philadelphia. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

First-year councilwoman bringing Philly school hearings to the streets

City councilwoman and long-time Philly public school teacher Helen Gym said that after an eye-opening hearing on school conditions, she will be seeking public input in a series of upcoming community meetings.

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As part of the process of studying what services the School District of Philadelphia actually offers the city's children, City Councilwoman Helen Gym will be hosting three community meetings around Philly next month to get input from the public.

It's all part of a process the first-term councilwoman said is intended to help the district figure out its priorities while City Council prepares for budgeting season.

"We've gotten too abstract about funding and accountability. ... We've lost sight about what concretely we can do on a school districtwide level," Gym told Metro yesterday. "We need to drill down and be more specific and hold the district to their promises. We can unify our city and our school district around a common set of priorities and objectives."

As City Council looks into providing more funding to the school district, Gym, long a local advocate for public education before winning a Council at-large seat last year, said the city and district need to work out where that money would do the most good.

Gym said she was shocked to learned at a City Council hearing on Thursday about school conditions that there were 173 teacher vacancies in the school district – which, multiplied by an average class size of 30, adds up to about 5,200 students without teachers at all since doors opened last Sept. 8.

"That's a pretty shocking and unacceptable figure. I would say that is extremely unusual," Gym said. "These are normal subject areas, they are biology, it's fifth grade ... They're absolutely an integral part of a child's education. If you don't have a teacher in front of you, we can't even begin to talk about learning or standards, so we start there."

Discussing how funds could hypothetically be used, Gym said that it would cost around $7 million to get a nurse in every Philly public school.

"We are talking about something that feels like it should be doable. We need to figure out how to make it a priority, how to make it happen," she said.

While Gym praised her City Council colleagues for their support, and didn't criticize school district leaders like Superintendent William Hite, she said the district, which is technically under the leadership of the School Reform Commission, lacks clear direction.

"We just have a lot of hands all over the school district right now. It's not an entity that feels like it's driving its own destiny ... It's being buffered around by whatever political winds are blowing hardest," Gym said.

The upcoming public community meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. around the city and Gym said she wants to hear from different communities about where breakdowns in the school district are occurring.

The meetings are currently scheduled for March 7 at an undecided location in West Philly; March 8 at an undecided location in South Philly; and March 15 at Thomas Edison High School at 2nd and Luzerne streets.

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Girls with hand-lettered signs in support of convicted former NYPD officer Peter Liang. GETTY IMAGES

Philly protesters turn out for NYPD cop

Protests took place around U.S. in support of a New York officer convicted in a deadly shooting.

Thousands rallied in Philadelphia over the weekend in support of former NYPD officer Peter Liang, who was convicted of manslaughter this month for fatally shooting an unarmed black man.

The protest was one of several across the nation Saturday, according to media reports.

The New York Times reported that several thousand gathered in Brooklyn to rally behind Peter Liang, who was found guilty in connection with the death of 28-year-old Akai Gurley.

Gurley, who was black, was killed by a bullet fired from the gun of Liang, who is Chinese-American. The bullet ricocheted off a wall in a public housing stairwell on Nov. 20, 2014.

The Los Angeles Times said hundreds of demonstrators, many of Chinese-American descent, took to the street there on Saturday while the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that some 2,000 people rallied in Philly.

About 150 gathered in downtown Ann Arbor, Michigan, in solidarity, carrying signs reading "Condolences to Akai Gurley. Justice for Peter Liang" and "No scapegoat. No silence," according to the Ann Arbor News. The Arizona Republic reported a similar number of demonstrators gathered in Phoenix.

Gurley's killing added to nationwide protests in cities like Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, over the use of police force against people of color following a spate of high-profile police killings of unarmed black people since mid-2014.

The rookie officer Liang was on patrol inside a Brooklyn public housing project with his partner and drew his gun upon entering a pitch-black stairwell.

He fired a single bullet that glanced off a wall and into the chest of Gurley, who was walking one floor below. Liang said he pulled the trigger because he was startled by a noise.

Prosecutors argued in court that Liang fired toward the sound deliberately and that he must have known only another person could have caused the noise that surprised him.

He faces up to 15 years in prison when he is sentenced in April.

Liang's indictment last year came weeks after a grand jury declined to charge a white New York officer in the chokehold death of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man, sparking citywide protests.

Liang's partner, Shaun Landau, was fired by the New York Police Department shortly after Liang was found guilty.

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Driver arrested in Bustleton crash that killed three

The man behind the wheel during a crash last summer that left a car split in half was arrested yesterday to face charges for the collision.

Christopher Bloomfield, 20, was arrested yesterday, but charges were not immediately announced. He could face charges of homicide by vehicle, CBS reported.

Bloomfield was allegedly driving at a high rate of speed on Sandemeyer Road in Northeast Philly in July when he lost control of his 2007 Acura and crashed into a tree. The car was split in half from the hood to the trunk during the crash.

Yvette Gonzalez, 17, of the 700 block of Rhawn Street, and 17-year-old Sabrina Rhoads, of the 100 block of Newberry Street, were both ejected from the car and killed.

Felip Hernandez, 20, of Medford, New Jersey, was trapped in the wreckage and died at the location of the crash.

A fourth victim, a 17-year-old boy, was seriously injured. The driver, now identified as Bloomfield, was reportedly taken by private vehicle to a hospital after the crash and was in stable condition.

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Three murders in four hours over bloody weekend

Police dealt with three homicides across the city in just a few short hours Saturday night.

An unknown killer on the loose pumped nine rounds into a car in North Philly, killing a man and wounding a young woman, police said.

Two shooting victims were found inside a Dodge Charger on Saturday just before 11 p.m., one dead and one wounded, on the 3800 block of Park Avenue near Broad Street and Erie Avenue.

Police were called to the scene around 10:43 p.m. after calls of a person with a gun.

The passenger of the vehicle, a 20-year-old black male, was shot in the chest, left arm and left hip. Paramedics brought him to Temple University Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 11:08 p.m.

The car's driver, a 17-year-old teenage girl, sustained gunshot wounds to her legs and back. She was in critical condition at Temple.

Less than an hour later, at 11:50 p.m., police received a call to the 4900 block of Griscom Street in Frankford and found a black male who had been stabbed repeatedly in the chest and neck dead in the road. The male did not have any identification on him, police said.

Less than three hours later, police were called to the scene of another homicide in Southwest Philly on the 6500 block of Greenway Avenue. Cops said they found a Hispanic man dead from a gunshot wound to the head on the street.

No arrests were reported in any of the incidents.

Philly has had 28 murders so far in 2016 as of Feb. 20, according to the latest available police statistics. That's a 20 percent decrease compared to the total homicide count this time last year. SAM NEWHOUSE

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The arctic air has retreated for now, but as Arnold Schwarzenegger would say, "I'll be back."

In the meantime we have been in defrost mode, as it was much needed after the brutal arctic assault last week. Milder temperatures will remain with us for most of this work week, but at the same time a very powerful and massive winter storm will play a role in the weather across the entire eastern half of the nation, Gulf states, and midwest.

On the western flank, there will be heavy, wind-driven snow. In the south and southeast, look for severe storms with tornado outbreaks. And here in the northeast, expect windswept heavy rains.

The heaviest rain for us will take place Wednesday afternoon and evening and continue into Thursday morning across southern New England. Flooding problems will become widespread across much of the northeast by Wednesday night with plenty of local street and highway flooding. Flash flooding of streams and creeks seems likely at this time.

Frigid air will be waiting in the wings Feb. 27-28 as the next arctic blast is due to arrive for the last weekend of February, with this upcoming Sunday featuring bitter wind chills that will drop the thermometer below zero. After that, long-range computer models are hinting at possible coastal storm development during the first week of March with heavy rain and snow potential. It's early in the weather ballgame and we will see if the March lion will roar or just be fiction by the long-range computer models.

Philly to see rain, wind, possible flooding

The rain has moved off the coast and we are looking at a return to sunshine for your Monday along with temperatures flirting with 50 degrees.

A massive and powerful storm system will start to move in during the day on Tuesday, with some of the north and west suburbs possibly seeing some sleet and snow at the start. On Wednesday, windswept heavy rains will spread across the entire region, with the heaviest rain falling later in the day Wednesday and into the evening. Flash flooding is possible along with plenty of local street and highway flooding.

We dry out and cool down for Thursday and Friday, with arctic air returning this weekend.

There will be a storm threat for early next week.

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Goode Sr. to be honored despite rocky past

Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode Sr. is Casey's pick for Black History Month honoree.

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Every year, in commemoration of Black History Month, Pennsylvania Sen. Bob Casey hosts a day of tribute to honor an individual of color who's made contributions to society and the black community in the Keystone State.

This year marks the 10th annual tribute Casey has hosted, and he has picked former Philadelphia Mayor Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode Sr. to be the honoree, despite Goode's checkered history with the black community in the wake of the 1985 MOVE bombing.

Asked about Goode's controversial bombing of a North Philly row house occupied by the radical black liberation group MOVE — which resulted in four city blocks burned to the ground and 11 dead — Casey said no politician's record goes unblemished.

"I think people have made — and might continue to make — judgments on that or any part of his public record, just as they would any public official. What we're trying to do with this program is to pay tribute to someone who was not only a two-term mayor, but did a lot of good work before, during and after his time as mayor," said Casey.

"We're paying tribute to his life of service. That doesn't mean that you agree with every decision or every action he took, but in the totality of the record and the service of the man, that's what we're paying tribute to. I'm sure that, like anything in someone's record, that will continue to be debated."

Attempts to reach Goode for comment for this story were immediately unsuccessful.

Wilson Goode Sr. waves from the back of a car following his successful 1984 mayoral win. His victory marked the first time an African-American held the post in Philly. GETTY IMAGES

Goode joins a list of 10 previous honorees in receiving the recognition, including minister and civil rights leader Leon Sullivan, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation William Coleman, former Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth C. Delores Tucker and others.

On Monday, Casey will honor Goode with remarks on the Senate floor in Harrisburg, followed by a symposium and reception emceed by Fox29's Joyce Evans.

"For Wilson Goode, it was a combination of his public service in elected office, and in other positions in government service, as well as his service in the nonprofit world before and after he became mayor," said Casey.

"He's also an ordained minister. Some people know, but some may have forgotten."

Goode is CEO of the Amachi mentoring program, which benefits young people whose parents are incarcerated. Developed in the year 2000, Amachi connects children with caring mentors and serves more than 300,000 children in more than 250 U.S. cities, to date.

"It's about helping people that sometimes don't have a voice," said Casey.

Casey recalled he was only one year out of college when Goode was running for mayor in 1982.

"It was a remarkable experience to be a white male in a 98-percent African-American neighborhood when the first African-American was about to be nominated and then elected," said Casey.

"It was really interesting to feel the energy and the sense of anticipation."

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Six killed in Michigan shootings; suspect was an Uber driver

Police said the shooter, Jason Dalton, had no known criminal record.

A gunman suspected of killing six people and wounding two others in apparently random shootings in Kalamazoo, Michigan, was a driver for the car-hailing service Uber who a television station reported may have taken fares during the rampage.

Kalamazoo County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Getting on Sunday alleged Jason Dalton opened fire late Saturday in parking lots outside an apartment building, a Kia car dealership and at a Cracker Barrel restaurant.

Authorities could not confirm that the 45-year-old suspect was working for Uber during the nearly five-hour shooting spree at the three sites. He was arrested early Sunday.

An Uber representative confirmed that Dalton was a company driver and that he had passed background checks. The representative referred questions about whether Dalton was working at the time of the shootings to police..

The victims "appear to be chosen at random, because they were available," he said at a news conference. "They were shot multiple times, multiple — nine, 10, 11 shell casings at each of these scenes."

The carnage in Kalamazoo, a city of about 75,000 people 150 miles west of Detroit, was the latest in a series of mass shootings that have made gun control a campaign issue before the November presidential election.

WOOD TV, a Grand Rapids station, quoted police as saying that they were investigating reports that Dalton dropped off Uber fares at a Fairfield Inn hotel. He then went to the nearby Cracker Barrel and killed four women and seriously wounded a 14-year-old girl.

The station reported that Getting said authorities were investigating a Facebook post by the fiance of an Uber passenger, who said that Dalton had sideswiped a car, run a stop sign and was driving erratically just before the shootings.

An Uber representative confirmed that Dalton was a driver for the car-hailing service and said that he had passed background checks. In an emailed statement, the company's chief security officer, Joe Sullivan, said Uber was contacting police to help with the investigation.

Getting told reporters he believed police had recovered Dalton's cellphone. Dalton was thought to have been in contact with more than one person during the shooting spree, he said.

Dalton was arrested in downtown Kalamazoo at about 12:30 a.m. Getting said he expected Dalton to be arraigned on Monday on charges of murder, assault and firearms violations. REUTERS

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Scalia's absence to be felt as Court returns

Scalia could have represented the deciding vote in one of two cases to be argued Monday.

Memorial service for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia GETTY IMAGES

The eight remaining members of the Supreme Court will feel the absence of their late colleague Justice Antonin Scalia in more ways than one when they return to work Monday.

A somber mood is expected as the court hears oral arguments in two cases, its first action since Scalia, 79, died on Feb. 13 at a Texas hunting resort. Scalia was a conservative mainstay known for posing tough questions to lawyers and for provoking laughter with his observations during oral arguments.

His death left the court with four conservatives and four liberals and triggered a furious fight between President Barack Obama, set to name Scalia's successor, and Senate Republicans who have vowed to block any nominee from the Democratic president, with the court's balance of power at stake.

One case Monday involves Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable searches. Scalia sided with law enforcement on two similar cases in recent years. With his absence, the court could split 4-4, meaning the lower court ruling would stand and no nationwide precedent would be set. The court also could order the case to be re-argued after the Senate confirms Scalia's replacement.

With the showdown between Obama and Senate Republicans raising the possibility of a long wait before Scalia's successor is confirmed, the court will remain shorthanded for an uncertain period of time. REUTERS

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Rubio sharpens attacks after latest Trump win

The remaining Republican candidates are now scrambling for voters in 12 states that hold nominating contests on March 1, also known as Super Tuesday.

Marco Rubio emerged from a razor-thin second-place finish in South Carolina's presidential primary on Sunday with the Republican field narrowed and his target clear: Donald Trump.

Rubio squeaked by rival and Senate colleague Ted Cruz in a vote on Saturday that cemented the appeal of firebrand outsider Trump as well as the failure of a candidate from one of America's political dynasties: Jeb Bush.

Rubio, a first-term senator from Florida who himself has come under attack for lacking governing experience, turned that criticism on Trump, a billionaire businessman and former reality TV star who has never held elective office.

Trump is long on rhetoric but short on specifics, Rubio said on CBS's "Face the Nation," challenging the front-runner, who finished 10 points ahead in South Carolina, to provide them.

"If you're running to be president of the United States, you can't just tell people you're going to make America great again – I think you need to begin to explain exactly how you're going to do it, policywise," Rubio said, referring to the Trump campaign slogan "Make America Great Again!"

Rubio criticized Trump on health care policy and said he found his view of Russian leader Vladimir Putin troubling.

"I don't think he fundamentally understands exactly who Vladimir Putin is and or exactly what he's trying to do," Rubio said, quickly adding, "This is not an attack or anything of that nature."

In several television appearances, Rubio stressed his intention was not to "go after" Trump but to discuss issues.

Rubio has reason to be skittish. A hallmark of Trump's campaign has been consistent and highly personal savaging of his political rivals – or anyone else he perceives has attacked him, including a milder rebuke of Pope Francis. His most notable target was Bush, whom he began characterizing early on as a "low-energy" loser. REUTERS

Sen. Marco Rubio GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Wealthy donors drawn to Rubio after Bush drops out

Within minutes of Jeb Bush dropping out of the presidential race, some of his donors were preparing to throw their financial support behind Marco Rubio, who has emerged as the strongest candidate among the establishment wing of the party.

"Jeb's network is already naturally migrating to Marco," said Gaylord Hughey, a top Bush fundraiser from Texas, echoing what four other top donors told Reuters. "It's the clear path."

"It's a stampede," added another donor, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he wanted to give Bush some time after dropping out before he went public with his support of Rubio, the senator from Florida.

Three other Bush donors, who declined to be named, also said they now planned to support Rubio.

Although he has failed to win any of the first three nominating contests, Rubio is considered by many political strategists as the best positioned to challenge front-runner Donald Trump, a billionaire political outsider, and Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who has campaigned on an anti-Washington message.

The likelihood that some of Bush's deep-pocketed donors will back Rubio comes at an opportune time for his candidacy, as he heads into a series of contests in March that will be crucial for building momentum.

Brian Ballard, who raised money for Bush last year but switched allegiances last summer to Rubio, said: "It's flooding tonight. Ninety-five percent of Jeb's money is going to end up with Marco."

Rubio had only $5 million in cash on hand at the end of January, federal campaign finance reports released Saturday night show, a slim buffer by modern campaign standards.

Conservative Solutions, a political spending group that supports his campaign, had $5.6 million on hand at the end of January, but spent an additional $9.3 million on advertising in the first 19 days of February.

By contrast, Right to Rise, Bush's political spending group, had $24.5 million on hand at the end of January but spent $6.6 million of that in February on ads. And his network of donors have proven their financial might, helping Bush at one point to amass a war chest of $150 million. REUTERS

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US businessman detained in Iran denied access to lawyer

An Iranian-American businessman detained in Iran since October has been denied access to his lawyer by authorities, his attorney and family said in an interview and on social media over the last two days.

Siamak Namazi, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen, was detained by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in October while visiting family, according to a source familiar with the matter who declined to be identified. Iranian authorities have not announced any charges against him.

Five other American citizens were released from Iranian prisons more than a month ago as part of an historic prisoner swap with the United States. After their release, Secretary of State John Kerry said that he had commitments from Iran that Namazi's case would be resolved soon.

Iranian-American consultant Siamak Namazi AHMAD KIAROSTAMI/HANDOUT

Mahmoud Alizadeh Tabatabaei said in a phone interview Friday that he is representing Namazi and that Iran's judiciary chief has not yet allowed him to meet with his client. Such permission is required by Iranian law if an individual is accused of national security-related crimes, he said, adding that he has not been officially informed of Namazi's charges.

"Not me, nor any other lawyer has received such permission from the head of judiciary so far," Tabatabaei said. "His mother has met him a few times, but his father has not been allowed to see him."

Tabatabaei said he and Namazi's mother met this month with a prosecutor who promised to allow more meetings between her and her son.

In a post on Facebook on Saturday, Namazi's mother, Effie Namazi, said she had not been able to see her son for some time, and did not know his condition. But she said she had received news through his cellmate's family that Namazi had begun a hunger strike.

"This step by Siamak has greatly increased the worries of his family, because it will certainly hurt his health," Effie Namazi wrote. "As a mother I ask officials to at least allow for me and his father to meet with Siamak as soon as possible and jointly convince him to quit his hunger strike."

Tabatabaei identified Namazi's cellmate as Isa Saharkhiz, a prominent Iranian journalist who is also Tabatabaei's client.

Hunger strikes have been one way for imprisoned Iranians without other recourse to pressure authorities. Iranian lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh ended a nearly 50-day hunger strike in 2012 after Iranian officials lifted a travel ban on her daughter. REUTERS

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Bankruptcy judge wants to know about 50 Cent's piles of cash

Here's a pro-tip: If you've filed for bankruptcy and the court is still considering your case, maybe don't post photos of yourself on Instagram surrounded by piles of cash? That's exactly what rapper 50 Cent has done, and the result is the judge in his bankruptcy case has summoned him back to court to explain himself. See, 50 Cent — whose real name is Curtis Jackson — is caught between a rock and a bragging rapper hard place, as he's looking for protection against a slew of expensive impending lawsuit decisions, but he didn't appreciate everyone joking about him being broke last summer when made the initial filing. You can't have it both ways, buddy. Sorry.

Kris Jenner calls Caitlyn Jenner worst dressed at Fashion Week

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Kris Jenner had some not very nice things to say about ex Caitlyn Jenner's appearance at New York Fashion Week when the whole family donned matching outfits for Kanye West's show — except Kris is totally trying to compliment her, so it's OK? I guess? "My worst I think is going to be Caitlyn and here's why," Kris says during a "Fashion Police" drop-in late last week. "I can't handle the shoes with the skirt. The second reason is, because, I really would have liked this outfit for myself, and she kind of stole it. I'm a little jealous. I'm a little angry that I didn't get that skirt, to be honest." Easy, Kris. Anger doesn't look good on you.

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David Bautista calls out Manny Pacquiao over LGBT comments

Manny Pacquiao has already lost his endorsement deal with Nike over his comments about gays and lesbians, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. Now he apparently has to constantly look over his shoulder because he's made an enemy of massive "Guardians of the Galaxy" star and former WWE champ David Bautista. TMZ's goons caught up with Bautista recently to quiz him on his thoughts about Pacquiao's comments, and he did not hold back, calling the boxer a "f—ing idiot," among other things. "My mom happens to be a lesbian so I don't f—ing take that s—. I don't think it's funny," he says. "If anyone called my mother an animal, I'd stick my foot in his ass." So there you go.

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Meet Anya Taylor-Joy, star of the 'The Witch'

The young actress breaks through as a teenage Puritan beset by evil spirits and her family.

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In "The Witch," in theaters Friday, Anya Taylor-Joy plays a teeanger in a Puritan family plagued by an evil spirit. A24

It sounds heavy: Shooting your first movie — the horror indie "The Witch" — in the woods of remote Ontario.

"I really should have been more concerned about going," says star Anya Taylor-Joy with a laugh. "I had just turned 18, I was going to be alone with no WiFi, no cell service, and I'm going to be making this really, really bizarre movie. But it never entered my mind. I was just like, 'I'm going!'"

The acclaimed film stars Taylor-Joy, now 20, as Thomasin, a teenager in a Puritan family who take up in a cabin on the edge of a forest. There, they find their worst fears coming true: namely that evil exists in the form of a frightening witch, who first takes the family's newborn then comes back for the rest of them.

Taylor-Joy was born in Miami, but she's never lived in the States. Her family immediately relocated to Argentina before moving to London when she was 6. "I did not enjoy that decision. Now as an adult I can say, 'Thank you so much, you gave me so many opportunities,'" she tells us. She even refused to learn English for her first two years there, but she thinks that wound up helping her acting.

"I can't help but mimic people," she explains. "If I'm in a room I will pick up on the way people are speaking and I will go there. It's not a choice. That's great for movies."

In person Taylor-Joy is very friendly and chatty (she describes herself as "a very extroverted introvert"), qualities she had to tame while playing Thomasin, who's quiet and not sure what to make about adolescence — which, given their old-time religion, winds up making her family think she's in leagues with the villain.

"Everything about being a Puritan — to me, anyway — seems to be going against what it means to be human. You're trying to tamp down your most base human instincts," Taylor-Joy says. "Thomasin is so withdrawn and conflicted, because people didn't talk about puberty in those days. While the family is very afraid of her, she doesn't know what the hell's going on, either. No one's saying, 'Honey, you're experiencing hormones, this will pass in awhile.'"

Inevitably "The Witch" reminds us how even today we oppress women. Though she says there's still more progress to be made with gender rights, she's been pleasantly surprised that many of the scripts she's been sent since "The Witch"'s debut at last year's Sundance have featured strong female characters — which is to say with flaws and grit.

"Those should not be anomalies," she says. "The fact that I'm reading them means they're out there. Ergo, why isn't every girl getting this opportunity?"

Taylor-Joy has already shot a big-budget film, "Morgan," by Ridley Scott's son Luke, and is still working on M. Night Shyamalan's "Split," opposite James McAvoy. But she knows she struck film gold with "The Witch."

"I read the script very late at night, alone in my bed. When I was done my body collapsed in on itself. I was a nervous, frightened, anxious mess. I couldn't articulate where it was coming from," Taylor-Joy recalls. "That feeling I got from 'The Witch' is the feeling I'm going to be chasing my entire life. It's about a compulsion to tell a story."

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This is what your dating profile photos should look like

Apparently tilting your head slightly to the left makes you more attractive than tilting it to the right. ISTOCK

If you aren't getting matches online, try changing your photos with these tips from 6,830 single people.

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Admit it, even if you don't consider yourself shallow and are really just looking for someone "with a great personality that can make you laugh," dating profile pics matter. They're the first things most people look at — and if you don't have decent photos, chances are, your potential match might not even scroll down to check out the rest of the profile.

Online dating service DatingFound conducted a survey of 6,830 singles, asking them what they look for in profile photos. Some of the findings may surprise you—but most won't.

What men like:

When it comes to women's photos, most men want the first photo to show some cleavage. Shocker, right? But here's the key: Show only a little—bikini shots rated low. The survey also notes: "Women tend to show off their cleavage by wearing low-cut tops and dresses for online dating photos. This works pretty well for younger women. For older ones, though, being more conservative can pay off." Hey, we're just the messenger here.

According to the survey, men like a woman's second and third photos to be of her having a good time, i.e. laughing, playing the guitar, cooking, skiing. These type of photos ranked high (after the cleavage photos, of course) even when they didn't show the woman's face. For the fourth, photos featuring a woman's head tilted to the left rated the best — apparently it's more pleasing to the eye. Hey, maybe that's why Ariana Grande only takes photos showing her left side.

The No. 1 thing men don't like? Bathroom selfies.

What women like:

DatingFound, er, found that the first photo women like to see is of a guy looking confident. It subconsciously triggers thoughts of high-status and heightened masculinity. So guys, don't lead with a goofy photo. The survey also says women like the second photo to show the guy having fun in some way, like playing sports, sketching or doing something else he loves.

Photos slightly showing more of a dater's left side rated third for the same reason it ranked for women. (Somehow we just think someone's left-side is more attractive.) And interestingly, a generic, smiling happy photo ranked in fourth, meaning it's still good to have, but is not as important as the others.

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On National Margarita Day, David Wondrich goes searching for the origins of the tequila cocktail.

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The margarita is indisputably delicious, but its origins are muddled. PROVIDED

"Cocktails," writes famed booze historian David Wondrich, "are rarely created in the full light of history."

The margarita's origin story is further complicated by having to cross the Mexico-U.S. border (though in which direction is also disputed), only to lose its way entirely between 1960 and the late '80s, when bartenders were throwing everything in the popular cocktail to mask the taste of agave, the Mexican plant that's baked, distilled and—depending on the style—aged to create tequila.

But the classic combination of lime juice, Triple Sec and a salt rim that is the margarita has endured, and is the seventh most popular cocktail in the world, according to a poll of Drinks International's 50 best bars of 2015.

To prepare for today, National Margarita Day, Wondrich did a deep dive into the cocktail's history—and found a lot of claims to fame, each with "enough evidence to mark it as plausible."

A happy accident: In the 1920s, about 50 years after the Daisy (a shot shaken with lemon juice and orange cordial, then splashed with soda) was popularized in New York City, a Tijuana bartender named Henry Madden grabbed the wrong bottle while making the drink (he was going for gin) and handed over a Tequila Daisy.

The one from a cafe in London: A cocktail called the Picador, made with tequila, lime and Triple Sec, is just one of 15 tequila drinks that appear in a 1937 cocktail book by the Café Royal in London. Two years later, the Cotton Club's cocktail book had a drink called Tequila with the same recipe, this time with a salted rim, among its sours.

California connection: A Los Angeles bar called the Tail o' the Cock had started to move a lot of tequila by 1955 with a drink called the Margarita. Head bartender John Durlesser told a local nightlife columnist that he'd actually invented the cocktail almost 20 years earlier, in 1937. In another interview 11 years later, however, he told Bon Appetit magazine that, rather than inventing it, he'd been asked to re-create a drink that a female patron remembered from Mexico.

Celebrity cameo: In 1963, the Houston Chronicle found a bartender named Santos Cruz who laid claim to inventing the drink as a tequila Sidecar (which is also made with orange liqueur and lemon juice, but a sugar rim) in the 1940s at Galveston's Studio Lounge. It was all to do with jazz great Peggy Lee, he claimed, who reportedly asked for "a tequila drink without a lot of mess in it."

The bartending socialite: Margaret Sames, a Texas socialite who also had a home in Acapulco, Mexico, claimed she made the cocktail for a Christmas party in 1948.

What's a Magnolia?: In a Texas Monthly article from 1974, an American woman walked into a bar called Tommy's Place in Cuidad Juarez in 1942 and asked for a Magnolia. Bartender Francisco Morales told the paper he didn't know it and knocked together a recipe that was a margarita.

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Picasso at war

New exhibit looks at the artist's work during World War I

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By the time World War I broke out, Pablo Picasso had already earned his place, in the words of curator Simonetta Fraquelli, as "the high priest of Cubism." The decade-plus between 1912 and 1925 proved to be as tumultuous for the legendary artist as it was for the rest of the world, despite the fact that he didn't serve in the war. In the new exhibition "Picasso: The Great War, Experimentation, and Change," the Barns Foundation focuses, for the first time, on the shifts that took place over that momentous period.

At a preview of the exhibition, Barnes Foundation Executive Director and President Thom Collins said that the show finds Picasso turning away from his highly stylized and fragmented Cubist approach and returning to more figurative work. "Our special exhibition illustrates and explains this unusual split production as a function of the immediate challenges the artist faced as a noncombatant living and working primarily in Paris, as many of his closest friends and colleagues were drawn into military service."

The exhibition—50 pieces including paintings drawings, watercolors and costumes—hinges on one fairly unassuming pencil sketch, "Portrait of Max Jacob," in which Picasso

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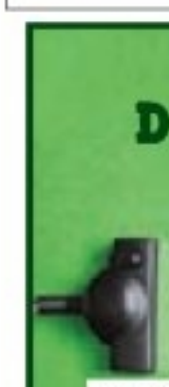

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realistically rendered the image of his close friend. The drawing sparked instant controversy, raising the question of whether Picasso was rejecting Cubism—which was associated in some circles with the wartime German enemy.

As it turned out, Picasso didn't completely turn away from Cubism but did transform the movement by incorporating more figurative elements into his work. The Barnes show places representational and abstract images side-by-side, many of them dealing with similar subjects in radically different fashion.

Fraquelli calls it "a form of double play in which he's jumping from one style to the other. There may be political reasons, there may be social reasons, there may be reasons where he just wanted to situate himself within the great history of French art."

The show also places Picasso in a broader historical context with contemporaneous work by Henri Matisse, Diego Rivera, Jacques Lipchitz and other artists, as well as a collection of photographs by Jean Cocteau depicting Picasso and his circle of friends, including Jacob and composer Erik Satie.

A highlight of the exhibition is a collection of costumes designed by the artist for the 1917 ballet "Parade," on which he collaborated with Satie and Cocteau.

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HOW TO GET AHEAD

To maximize happiness on the job, know when to hang on and when to let go.

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“Does it spark joy?” That’s the big question underlying Japanese organization expert Marie Kondo’s wildly popular home-decluttering strategy.

Kondo’s first book, “The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up,” introduced the “KonMari Method” to the world. She developed a cult following for her simple approach to organization: Keep the items that trigger happy feelings, toss those that don’t.

Kondo recently came out with a follow-up, “Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up,” that delves into the emotional decluttering process that comes with a material purge. But does her method apply outside the home? Career coaches weigh in with tips for sparking joy in the workplace.

Let go of what you can’t control

First and foremost, let go. “You can control things at home but that’s not so easy at work,” says Marguerite Orane, executive coach and strategy facilitator. Shed the desire to change everything, and shift your focus to the areas where you have more sway.

Make the most of your physical space

It might be difficult to create a place of joy in a fixed workspace, but small changes can make a big difference. “Bring all the physical beauty you can into your space — color, photographs, just something meaningful that reminds you of happy times,” Orane says. And resist the temptation to stay chained to your computer. “I’m always surprised at people who never get up from their desks,” she says. “Go outside and replenish!”

Keep a tidy (and delightful) calendar

Career and executive coach Maggie Mistal recalls interviewing Deepak Chopra about his career. “When he got to work, the first thing he would do was review his calendar. If everything on it didn’t bring him joy, he wouldn’t do it,” she recalls. “I said, how great that must be to have reached a point of success where you only get to do what you want. And he said, ‘How do you think I became this successful?’ It rocked my world. Now I tell this same story to my clients. It’s life-changing.”

Actively pursue joy

“Everybody has some dream that they’re harboring but afraid to go after,” Mistal says. Employees might not realize they have the capability to “job craft,” or slightly adjust their roles to play more to their strengths, skills and preferences. Be proactive and ask to do the tasks that bring you joy. Mistal encourages managers to perform “stay” interviews with employees, a check-in to get a better grasp on their passions and goals.

Celebrate other people’s joy

Everyone has different needs and goals Mistal says, and negative competition among coworkers does nothing to bolster joy. Be happy for your colleagues when they experience joyful moments. “The communal aspect is huge,” she says. “Supporting each other helps us all get what we want.”

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The hallowed halls of academia resonate with history. Reading the classics and then pontificating on the same questions that puzzled our greatest thinkers has deluded many a college freshman into thinking he's the first person to discover Sartre and Foucault.

So do today's undergrads feel as tied to history when they're critically assessing, say, "Jersey Shore"?

Yes, studying pop culture in college is a thing—and has been for awhile. But Bowling Green State University in Ohio, the only university in the country to offer a BA and an MA in popular culture, is taking it to a new level.

"We tend to get very strong, intellectually curious and independently minded students with a particular passion for something," says Jeremy Wallach, a professor in the department of popular culture. "A lot of people really are surprised how intellectually serious an enterprise this all is, even though we analyze culture that many consider disposable and trivial."

Pop culture grads wind up in careers that run the gamut from entertainment to education. One is at the Country Music Hall of Fame, and a handful are pursuing Ph.D.s in English, children's literature, folklore and cultural studies, says Wallach.

John Cook, a Bowling Green pop culture grad from the class of 2007, went on to get his MA in library sciences at Kent State University. He uses "pop culture to inspire kids to read every single day" as the youth services supervisor at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Cook gave us the lowdown on what he learned —and why it matters.

What exactly is the study of pop culture?

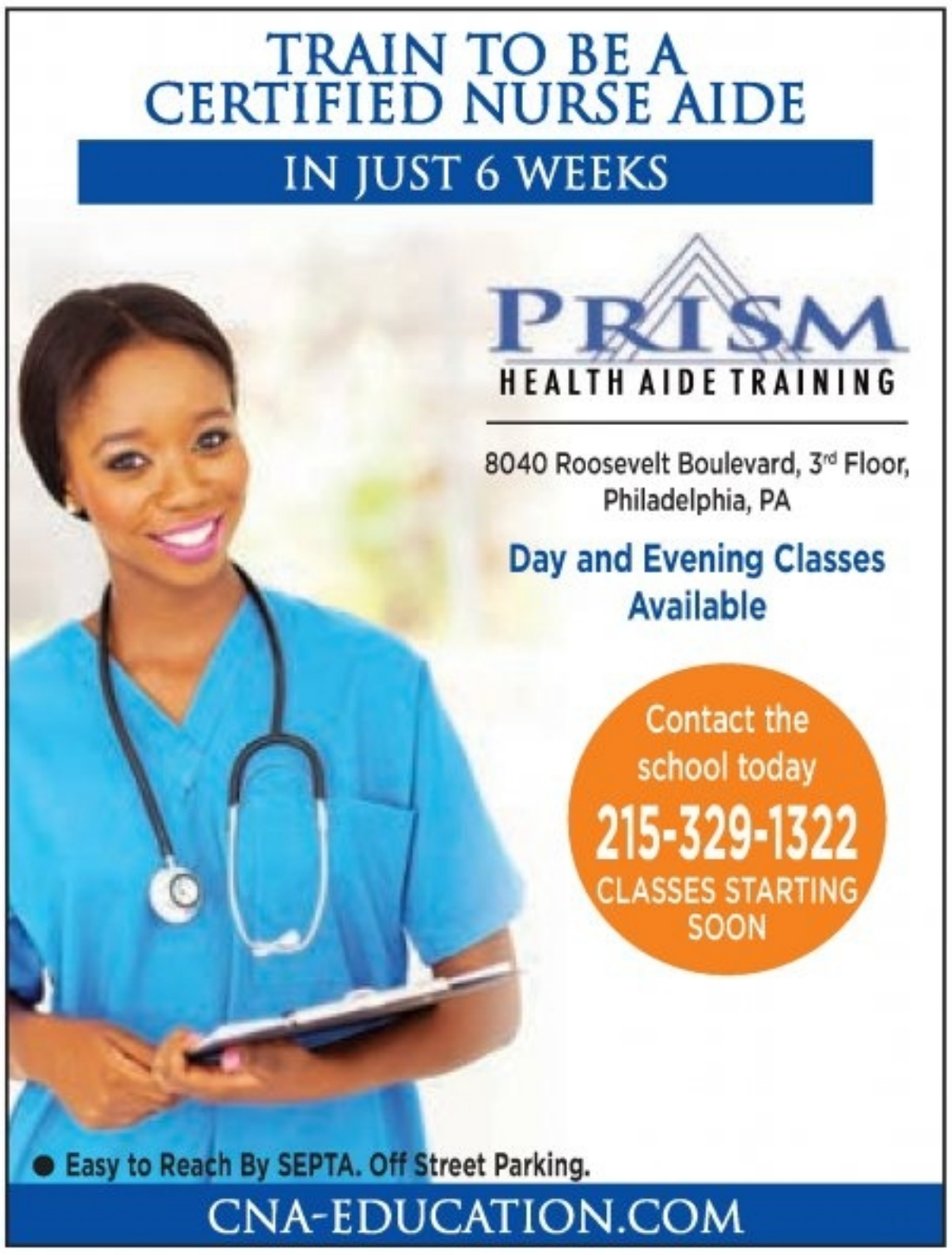
"Pop culture is important because it's the art of the common person. It's more than entertainment. It's educational, it's historical and it's constantly changing, but there's going to be patterns over time."

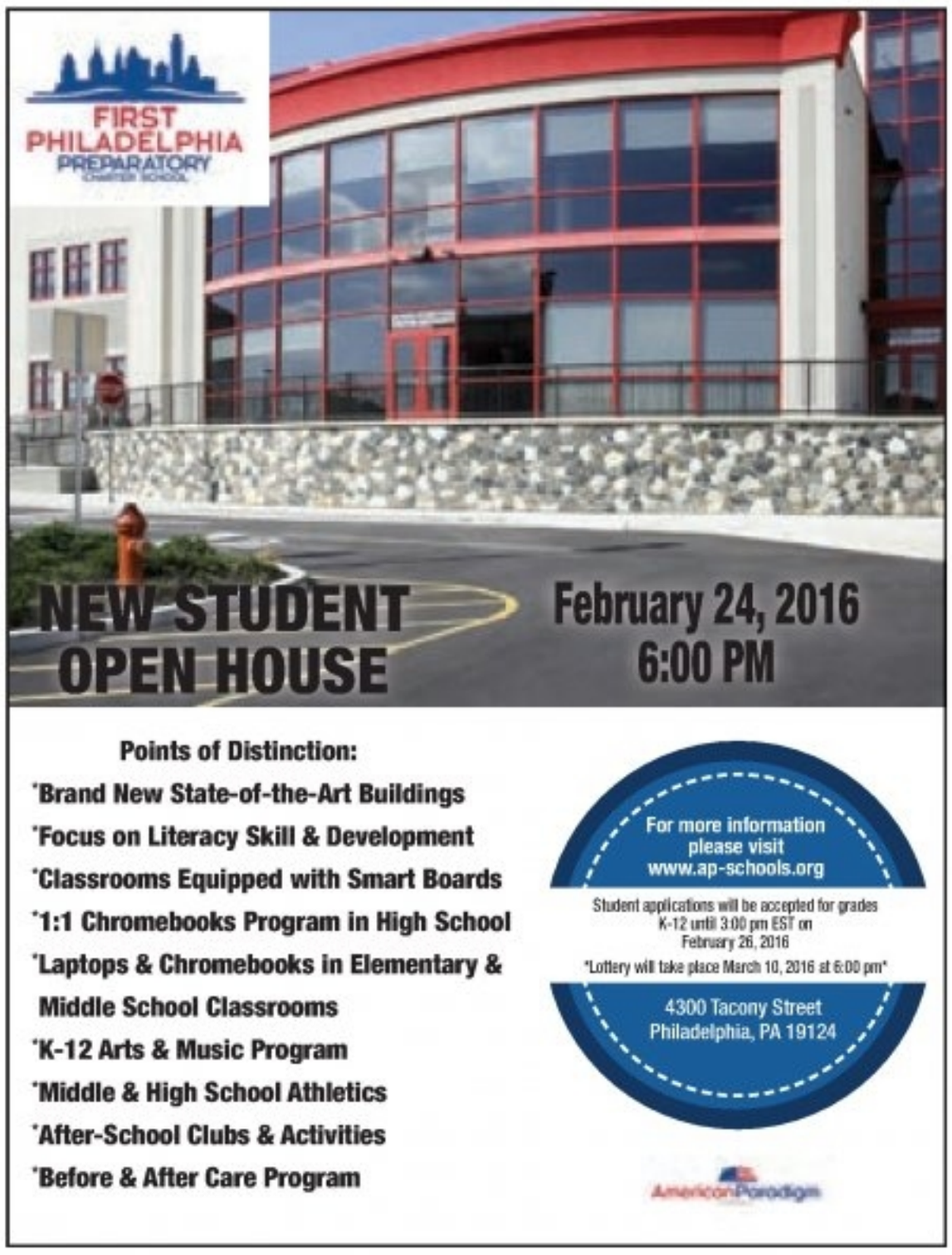
How does pop culture apply to other disciplines?

"If you look at some artifact of pop culture, it's going to be a reflection of the time. What I did for my thesis was look at Spider-Man comics before and after 9/11. It had a really big effect on the comic book industry, and I was looking at how the characters in a fictional universe were addressing and dealing with the tragedy, and how it mirrored what was happening in real, everyday life."

How do people react to your degree?

"I had to justify it a lot in the beginning, but if you're in an interview and you're trying to stand out, it's an instant conversation starter. I would say not to be ashamed of it."

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Looking ahead to next month, should this be the year Villanova finally makes it to the Sweet Sixteen, Saturday's 77-67 win over stubborn Butler may well have been the turning point.

Having squandered as much as a 12-point first half lead, Jay Wright's team seemed ripe for an upset. But this just doesn't happen at the Pavilion, where the Wildcats had been invincible, winning 36 straight stretching back to 2013.

Then again, Butler has quite a hoops legacy of its own, including back-to-back runs to the NCAA Tournament championship game in 2010 and 2011 under Brad Stevens, who's now performing similar miracles with the Boston Celtics.

Trailing at the 11-minute mark in the second half, the 24-3 Wildcats emphatically put the kind of stamp on the game that might carry them deep into March.

"When we're on the road and we're down, there's no panic," Jay Wright said. "But when we're at home, you just sense a little tightness, like everybody is disappointed. We've got to learn to not let that effect us. We're learning all kinds of things about being in this position, being the hunted."

With juniors Josh Hart and Kris Jenkins leading the way with 22 and 20 points respectively, and while senior Ryan Arcidiacono settled for nine but had nine assists and no turnovers, the Wildcats were able to finish off a big week in style. That makes it seven straight for Nova, all by double figures.

Saturday's big win came days after the Wildcats wrapped up another Big 5 title with a 14-point win at Temple. GETTY IMAGES

More telling, they got a taste of what it figures to be like when March Madness finally gets underway, beating an opponent unimpressed with their press clippings and national ranking.

"Certain styles of play and certain teams match up well, and they do with us," said Wright, who'll now get ready for 24-3 Xavier Wednesday in Cincinnati. "When I think about teams that we've played against that are going to the NCAA Tournament, I think about them [Xavier]. We just have grinders with them, but if you're looking for pretty you're not going to beat Butler. We'll take it and move on."

For now, though, the Wildcats' mantra is just "play Villanova basketball" and only worry about what comes next, meaning Xavier, followed by Marquette. March will get here soon enough.

Until it does, just take care of business.

"Xavier's going to be a battle," said leading scorer Hart (15.0), who'd managed just 11 combined points the previous two games. "The last couple of years it's been tough going down there. Whatever the result is, we're going to look each other in the eye and know that we played Villanova basketball."

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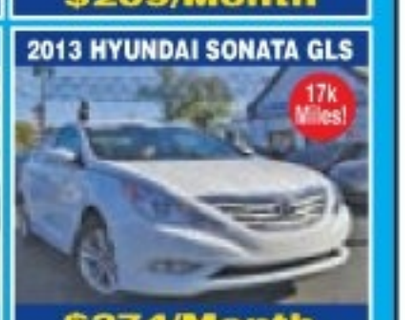

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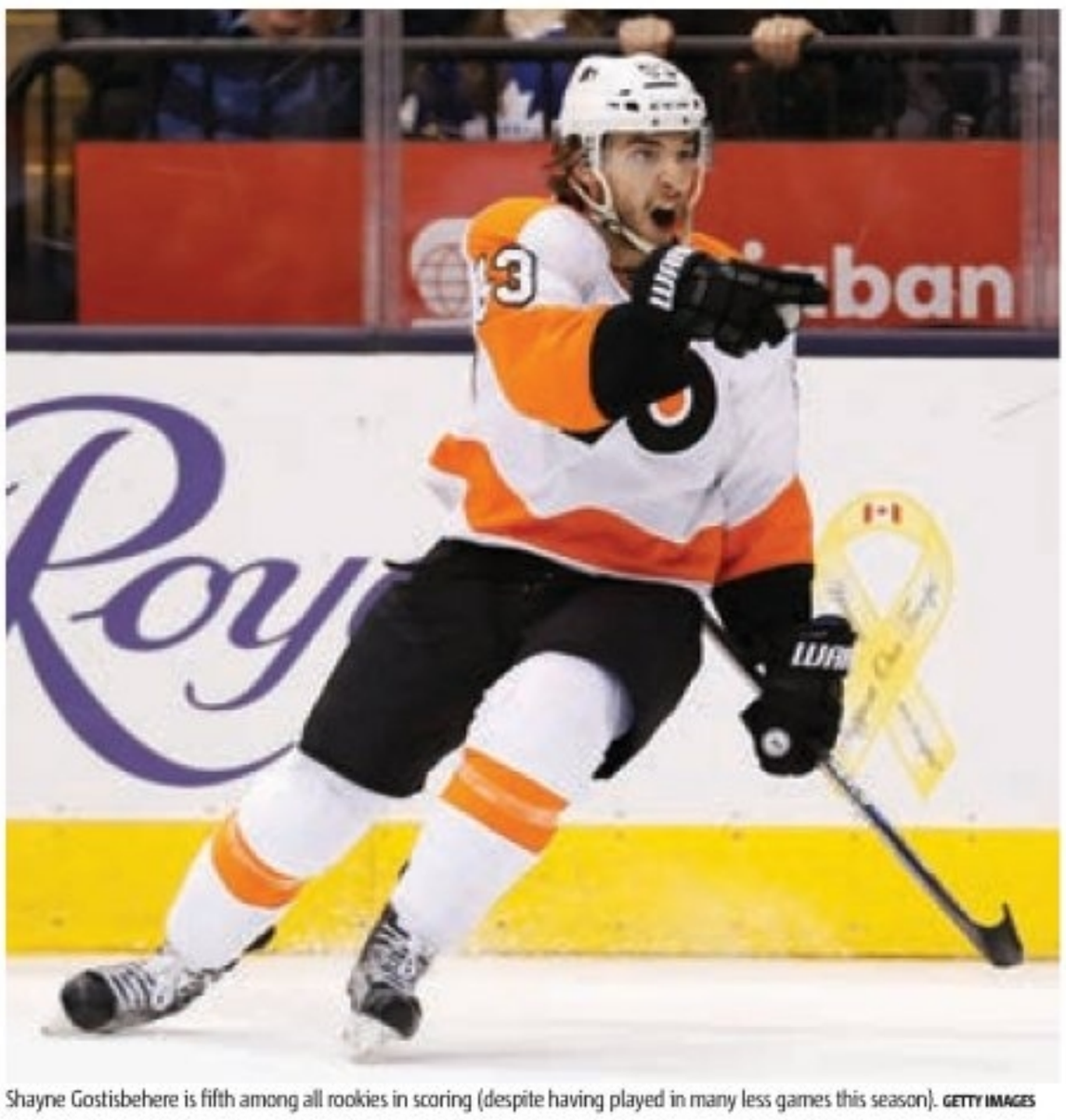

Shayne Gostisbehere is fifth among all rookies in scoring (despite having played in many less games this season). GETTY IMAGES

After yet another clutch performance, it's time for the Flyers' rookie to get his due.

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It's time to start paying attention to Shayne Gostisbehere.

Actually, many in-the-know Philly sports fans have been paying attention to the Flyers' rookie defenseman for a while, but after his heroics this past weekend, the 22-year-old has become the city's most exciting athlete. And it comes at a time when the city needs excitement.

Ghost scored his fourth overtime game-winner of the season in the Flyers' 5-4 win against the Maple Leafs Saturday. All 12 of Gostisbehere's goals have been lead-changing and his 22 assists give him the fifth-most points on the entire roster despite having played in 16 to 18 less games than the rest of the offensive leaders.

But that's not his most eye-popping stat. It's his streak — 15 consecutive games with a point — the longest for any defenseman since 1995-95 (Chris Chelios).

Oh yeah, and don't look now, but the Flyers are back in the playoff race. They stood just three points back Sunday afternoon.

"It's living the dream, what can you say?" Gostisbehere told reporters in Toronto on Saturday night. "It's just cool to have my teammates doing it with me and see how happy they get. It's awesome."

His teammates think it's just as cool.

"Getting a chance to play with him a lot over the last few weeks, you just try to get open," Wayne Simmonds, the Flyers' leading goal-scorer said. "You try to get lost for him. He's a great passe. He's going to find you."

"It's unbelievable," Brayden Schenn added. "He's extremely confident. He always wants the puck. It's absolutely incredible what he's doing right now."

The four overtime winners for Ghost are second in the NHL to Jonathan Toews. With the trade deadline looming and games becoming more and more important, the Florida native (a rarity in the NHL) seems to be perhaps the biggest reason the team has any chance at a postseason spot.

"I'm just doing whatever I can do to contribute to the team," Gostisbehere said. "The huge thing is we got two points on a back-to-back. It's just huge for us right now."

After two much-needed days off, the Flyers are back in action Tuesday to face the Hurricanes in Carolina, a 7 p.m. start on The Comcast Network.

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Can Flyers get good return as sellers?

Will the Flyers decide to focus on the future when the NHL trade deadline arrives at month's end?

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When the Flyers started February, they were five points out of the final wild card spot and straddling the fence about whether or not they'd be buyers or sellers at next Monday's NHL trade deadline.

Unfortunately, not much has changed over the last three weeks.

The Flyers have gone just 5-4-3 in their 12 games this month and sit three points behind the Penguins — who have played one less game — for the final wild card berth. They also trail the Devils and Hurricanes.

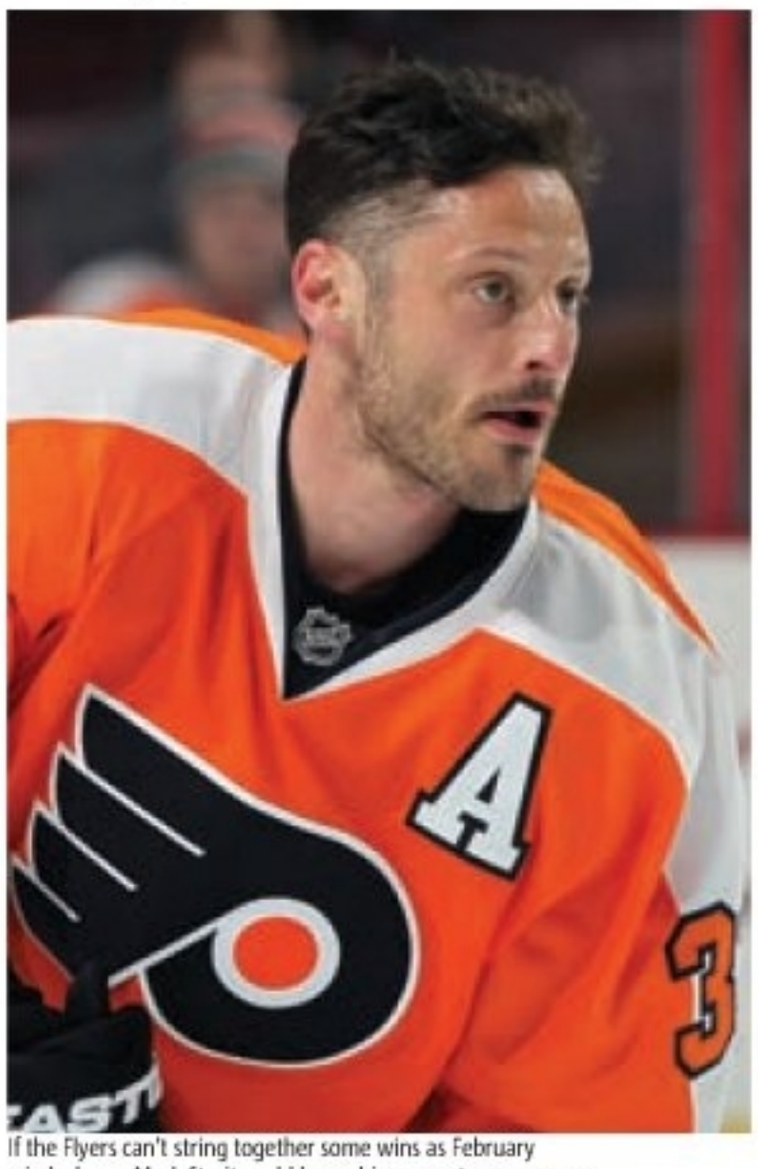
So, in essence, they haven't really nudged the needle in either direction. It has left general manager Ron Hextall in the precarious position of still figuring out what to do.

Hextall could add a player or two for the stretch run, but the GM is on record saying he won't trade away any young players or high draft picks for a veteran player. That leaves him with very few options.

He could watch from the sidelines, not make any moves and let the current — and flawed — roster make a run. Or he could place the "for sale" sign out front and trade veterans for prospects and picks.

Considering the team's current spot in the standings, its inconsistent play this month and injuries to key players like Michael Del Zotto, Sean Couturier and, most recently, captain Claude Giroux, Hextall is likely to choose Option C.

If he does go the sell route, here are a few players who may change addresses and what they might net in return:



If the Flyers can't string together some wins as February winds down, Mark Streit could be on his way out. GETTY IMAGES

Mark Streit

Value: Although 38 years old, he still has enough left in the tank, can play top-four minutes and captain the second power-play unit.

Return: Streit's cap hit ($5.2 million) is digestible for his production and as last year proved with the trades of Kimmo Timonen and Brayden Coburn, he should command at least a second-round pick and marginal prospect.

Michal Neuvirth

Value: A longshot to get dealt, the Flyers could deal their backup goalie, who has been one of their best players all season and is signed through next year, for the right price.

Return: A high draft pick or couple of mid-round picks.

Matt Read

Value: The forward is on pace to score 15 goals, brings speed and is solid defensively and on the penalty kill.

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Nick Schultz

Value: A sturdy, stay-at-home defenseman who can provide depth and experience.

Return: In the first year of a two-year, $4.5 million deal, the veteran could bring a mid-to-high draft pick.

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Value: The forward, who has eight goals, is off the pace from last year's 21, but he can provide depth at wing or center and play on just about any line.

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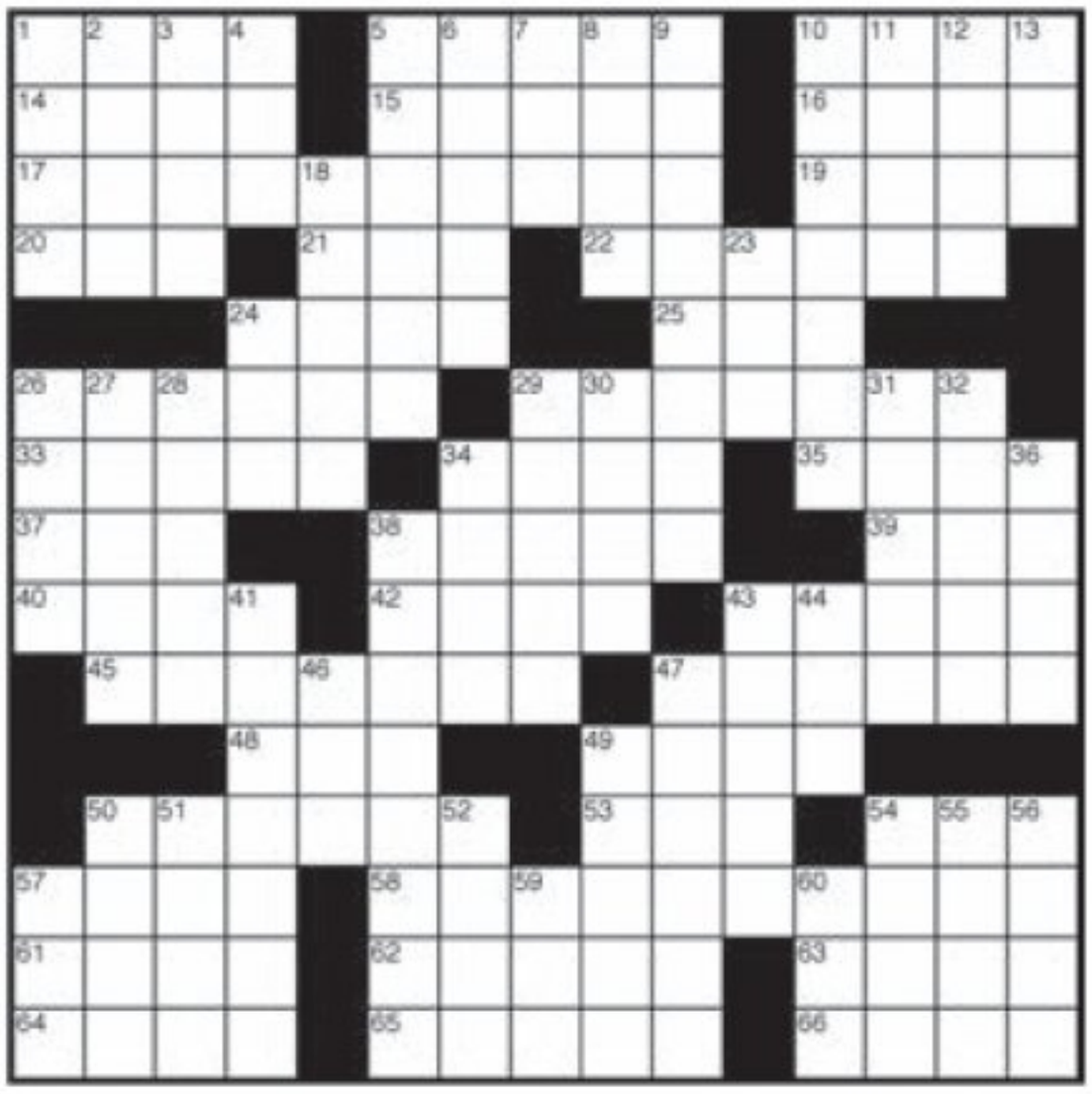

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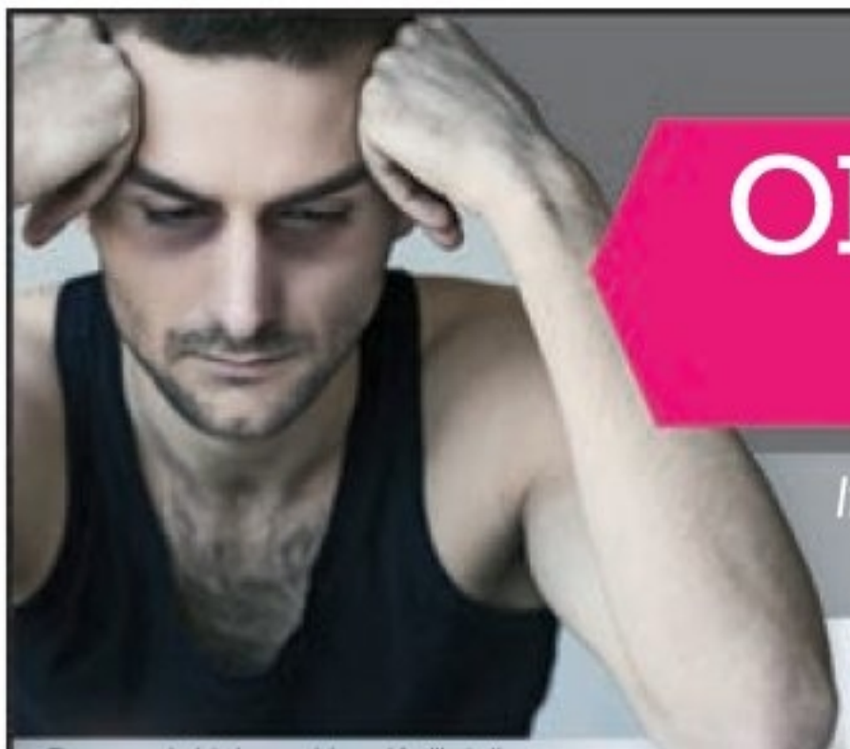

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